

WISDOM AND DISCIPLESHIP

We live in the world of uncertainties. Nobody knows for sure the mind of God. Our human nature is precarious, but with wisdom from God, as learnt from the first reading (Wisdom 9:13-18b), our earthly existence makes meaning.

Wisdom is inevitable if we must succeed in every sphere of our existence on earth. To be a disciple of Jesus, as seen from the Gospel (Luke 14:25-33), wisdom requires one to count the cost and make the choice.

Wisdom is not about taking advantage of whatever comes our way; it is about the intrinsic good of people we are dealing with. The second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Philemon aptly illustrates this. Philemon is a Christian of good standing. Paul knows him, and probably, as a friend. Philemon has a slave named Onesimus. In those days, having slaves was a common practice and it was not viewed in negative terms as we do today.

For some undisclosed reasons, Onesimus runs away from Philemon, his master. He comes in contact with Paul in prison. He becomes very useful to him. As a wise man, Paul places restoring a good relationship between the master and his legitimate slave over retaining Onesimus for his own advantage. He therefore sends Onesimus back to Philemon accompanied with this letter that has become part of the New Testament.

In the letter, Paul explains how he came in contact with Onesimus in prison and how useful he has been to him. He urges Philemon to accept Onesimus back whole heartedly, no longer as a slave but as a brother in Christ. Paul not only reconciles the strained relationship between the slave and his master; he also seeks to restructure that relationship. It is no longer to be a relationship of master and slave but a relationship of brothers in Christ. The relationship is no longer to be built on fear but on friendship and mutual cooperation. Here we see a remarkable footprint of wisdom.

Wisdom edifies. It is not selfish. It is not self-aggrandizement. It builds up and strengthens. A wise man is not only an advantage unto himself; he is an advantage unto whoever and whatever circumstance he comes across. This is what we are called to be as Christians. This is what makes us disciples of Christ. Happy Sunday, beloved in Christ.

Fr. Kenneth Ahanonu

WeekdayMass

Intentions

6:30 a.m. Sylvia Brocksiek and Mary Howerton

Sept. 8
Monday

Sept. 9
Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Former St. Michael School students and teachers

5:30 p.m. Donnie Wiemelt

Sept. 10
Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Judy Akers and Mike Rotunda

5:30 p.m. Gary Clark and Olivia Wrenn

Sept. 11
Thursday

6:30 a.m. Victims of 9/11 and their families

5:30 p.m. Corey Michael John Haxel

Sept. 12
Friday

6:30 a.m. Albert Linken family

Sept. 13
Saturday

8:00 a.m. Harvey Fitzsimmons and DD Fischer

4:30 p.m. Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt

Sept. 14
Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sean Ufen and Phyllis Lugering

9:00 a.m. Dick Gengenbacher and Launa Blickhan

The Parishioners of St. Francis

11:00 a.m.

This week in the Parish:

Monday, Sept. 8

6:30 am Mass
5:30 pm CYO Board Meeting
6:00 pm Acts Bible Study
7:00 pm Rosary for Peace

Tuesday, Sept. 9

6:30 am Mass
9:00 am Ladies of St. Francis quilters
1:00 pm QCS Principal's Meeting
5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Pastoral Council
6:30 pm Scout Leader meeting
6:30 pm Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, Sept. 10

6:30 am Mass
8:35 am SFS Mass
9:00 am Adoration
5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm Holy Name meeting
6:30 pm Choir practice
6:30 pm Divorce and Beyond
6:30 pm Liturgy Planning committee

Thursday, Sept. 11

6:30 am Mass
9:00 am Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
1:00 pm Scripture Discussion
5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Scripture Discussion
6:30 pm Troop 22 meeting

Friday, Sept. 12

6:30 am Mass

Saturday, Sept. 13

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Reconciliation
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Fall Mixer on the Lawn

Week of 8/31/2025

Week

YTD

Collections to Support the Church

Regular Collection \$21,233.50 \$198,756.15

Loose Collection \$1,955.00 \$16,161.28

Holy Days, Special Collections \$63.00 \$3,520.10

Total Collection \$23, 251.50 \$218,437.53

Budget Needed Support \$27,850.00 \$222,800.00

Difference \$-4,598.50 -\$4,362.47

School Support Goal

Annual School Fund \$1,041.33 YTD: \$34,434.91

Budget Goal for School Support \$3,650.00 YTD: \$29,200.00

Thought for the Week:

When was the last time you did something that you knew wasn't good for you? Why did you do it? Think of reasons, come up with excuses, but at the end of the day it comes down to this: You have disordered desires that are difficult to control. The grace of the Eucharist can help with that...

Have you ever felt that struggle? You are standing at the moment of decision. You know what is good and right. You know it will ultimately make you happier. You know it's better for you. And yet, you find yourself doing what is bad anyway. This can be incredibly frustrating, and the grace of the Eucharist can help with this too.

– Excerpt from *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*.

Birthright of Quincy would like to thank everyone who shared their time, talent and baked goods to the bake sale at the K of C BBQ last month. The raffle also was a success. Mandy Young won the dining out package and Claudia Coggeshall was the winner of the beautiful quilt.

Quincy National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: Saturday, Sept. 13, 1:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th St.. Please bring a lawn chair. For more information contact Jean Cook, 217-430-6967.



St. Francis School Golf Outing

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Golfers of all skill levels are invited to join us at the New Golf Course on **Sunday, Sept. 28** at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30. Cost is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, hot dogs, soup and snacks before we play, and a meal following the round with free refreshments and prizes.

This day is for FUN! And to benefit our school.

There will be prizes and games at each hole. Create your own team, or just come out and we will find a team for you.

For more information about signing up, contact Dan Hoffman at 217-617-3537 or Cindy Hoffman, 217-617-3538. **We are still in need of hole sponsors, door prizes and auction items! If you would like to donate any of these things, please have them to Dan Hoffman by Sept. 10.**

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2025 Convention

Wed., Oct. 1. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with Mass celebrated at 11:00 with Bishop Paprocki. This year's event will take place at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall, 1411 Main St. in Highland. The theme of the Convention is "Let Yourself Be Loved, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity." Featured speaker is Claire Dwyer from Arizona, sharing her insights regarding "Let Yourself Be Loved," as well as gleanings from her recent book about St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space. You can return the sheet to the parish office or email sdccwinil@gmail.com by Sept. 14.

St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Part-Time

Our parish is seeking a talented Business Manager to play a crucial role in supporting our mission and ensuring the efficient administration of our parish operations.

Position Overview: As our Parish Business Manager, you will be overseeing financial management, human resources, and day-to-day operations.

Key Responsibilities: Manage parish finances, budgeting, and financial reporting. Oversee day-to-day operations, facilities, and parish staff. Support and manage parish personnel, fostering a positive work environment. Collaborate with parish leadership to plan and execute events and initiatives. Contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish.

Qualifications: Experience in Business Administration, Finance, or a related field. Proven experience in financial management and administration. Strong interpersonal and communication skills. Familiarity with church operations and a commitment to the parish's mission. **MUST** have experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and Payroll.

How to Apply: If you are inspired by our mission and ready to bring your skills to a dynamic and purpose-driven environment, we invite you to apply! Send your resume and a cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman, sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com or to the parish office, 1721 College Avenue, Quincy, IL. 62301, expressing why you are the ideal candidate for the Parish Business Manager position.

Holy Name News: The next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the parish center. Please join us! The Holy men want to invite all golf enthusiasts to join us for our golf outing Sunday, Sept. 28 at Westview. See the bulletin for all of the details.

Knights of Columbus News: The Big Raffle drawing takes place every Thursday night. This week's jackpot is up to \$44,252. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00.

Welcome
Afton Wilson and Jeremy Emerick
And their daughter Juniper.
And
Kody and Ashley Smith
And their children Baker and Connor
We are delighted you have chosen
St. Francis to be your parish home.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The first dinner meeting for this year of the Ladies of St. Francis Solanus will be Tuesday, September 16. We are featuring a comedy act called QCT Act Two. Come and enjoy some silliness!

Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman at 217-242-6692.



Congratulations and Welcome

Nolan Gregory Vaughn
Son of Mitchell and Kayla Vaughn
Baptized into the Catholic faith
August 31, 2025

What's all the BUZZZZ?

ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS
FALL Y'ALL
Carry-in Picnic

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 13
5:30 pm in Church Yard

* IF RAIN - INSIDE PARISH HALL *

B.I.N.G.O.
KARAOKE
KIDS GAMES

COOKOUT & CARRY-IN

WELCOMING COMMITTEE
WILL PROVIDE...

PULLED PORK . HOT DOGS
CONDIMENTS . SOFT DRINKS

YOU BRING ... CARRY-IN DISH:

LAST NAME A - J	COLD DISH
LAST NAME K - Q	HOT DISH
LAST NAME R - Z	DESSERT

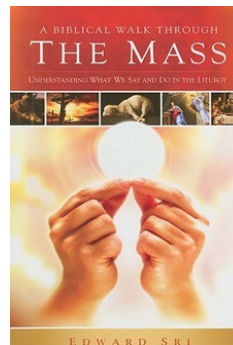
ALSO BRING YOUR OWN...
Alcohol beverage & Lawn chair

Hosted by: St. Francis Solanus
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

RSVP BY SEPT. 8
(217) 257-5313
OR
julie.gunn@comcast.net

St. Francis Picnic Update: We cannot thank everyone enough for your support and volunteer time during the St. Francis Picnic this summer. We were able to raise \$26,032 for the school thanks to everyone's help. **Next year's picnic is Saturday, June 13. See you there!**

Truth Seekers: Sacraments: This Advent we will continue to study the Sacraments using Bishop Barron's DVD study program. Come join us as we seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. The upcoming dates are: Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. Meeting time is 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room of the parish center. If you want to order a study guide, please indicate that when you sign up. You can register by emailing John and Nancy Venegoni at jvenegoni6808@comcast.net. Deadline to sign up is Friday, Oct. 3.



and women of all ages are invited to join for five sessions on a **Biblical Walk** this fall. We will meet on the following evenings to view a video and

Book A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. It will take place from 6:00-7:30 in the parish center.

Sept. 14 The Introductory Rites; **Oct. 5** The Word of the Word; **Nov. 2** Guest Liturgy; **Nov. 9** The Liturgy of the Eucharist; **Dec. 14** The Concluding Rites. We also will replay Part 1 in this series at 5:30 on Sept. 14. If you need help ordering the book, contact Deacon Dennis and Pat Holbrook, 217-257-4384; Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman 217-242-5513.



St. Francis Solanus School

INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE

St. Francis
BEAR Kickoff
* 6th - 8th grade youth group
flyswatter hockey +
games + pizza

Monday, Sept. 22nd
6:45 - 8 PM
Meet in parish hall
To RSVP for pizza,
text Grant at 217-
602-9293

Area-Wide Mass with Bishop Paprocki at QND

All are welcome to attend this special Mass on **Tuesday, Sept. 23** at 9:30 a.m. in the QND gym. Staff and students from the four Quincy Catholic grade schools along with St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education with Bishop Paprocki.

Quincy Catholic Schools is seeking a half-time Business Manager to support financial operations, budget planning and HR functions. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, mission-driven and experienced with QuickBooks FACTS and financial reporting. Salary range is \$17,000-\$22,000 with paid time off. To apply send a cover letter, resume and references to dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org, or call 217-222-2898 for more information. Also visit the QCES website for a more detailed job description.

Interested in morning preschool? There are still a few more spots in Mrs. Sindy DeRousse's morning preschool class for the upcoming school year. Class meets from 8:30-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. A child must be three or four years old by Sept. 1, 2025 to enroll this summer. **Your child may attend one to five mornings per week.** Contact Principal Julie Radel at jradel@stfrancissolanus.com or submit an inquiry on the parish website under the "school" tab. The office number is 217-222-4077.

We are still in need of After School Childcare Workers from 3-5 p.m.

We also are taking applications for a **part-time cook, starting Sept. 12.** This person will assist the Cafeteria Coordinator in preparing lunches for students and staff. Hours are 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with an hourly rate of \$15. Interested applicants may submit a resume to Principal Julie Radel at jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

Substitutes Needed:

Teacher Assistants in preschool and kindergarten, mornings or all day.

Morning Child Care Supervisor: 6:30-8:10 a.m.. Must be 21 years old.

Donate your T-shirts!

St. Francis Solanus School is accepting donations of pre-worn purple SFSS "Alex's Wish" t-shirts. We are also collecting pre-worn Kelly green Olympic Day t-shirts. Leave your donated shirts at the parish or school offices.

Sept 13-14	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
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Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Morgan Lammers Callie Longlett Reese Meehan	Christina Ehrhart Michelle Obert Jessica Veith <u>One Needed Please</u>	Jerald Meyer Edward Mitchell Jim Kaiser	Philip Kemner John Obert James Waterkotte	Sheila Goehl Mary Jo Johnson	Thomas Ennis Peggy Kaiser Gift Bearer Tera Terwelp
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Nathan Steinkamp Eli Terwelp	Vieve Veith Patricia Winking Craig Budde Arlene Hendren	Jack Terwelp Don Winking Edward Zanger	Mary Terwelp Scott Venvertloh John Benz	Paul Brown	Jerald Meyer Terry Niemann Gift Bearer Roch Schulte
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Mickey Petty Emmett Wiemelt <u>One Needed Please</u>	Cynthia Cook Becky Gengenbacher Anne Meyer <u>One Needed Please</u>	Terry Kistner Mark Meyer Aaron Kerkhoff	John McDowell Michael Patterson <u>One Needed Please</u>	James Cramsey Molly Bruening	Logan Callahan Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Katherine Cramsey
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	William Eling Zayne Mitchell <u>One Needed Please</u>	Alice Arnold Christine Duvall Bridget Ehrhart Christina Rose	Henry Voss Adam Hightower Michael Patterson <u>One Needed Please</u>	Ron Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff	Karen Steinkamp <u>One Needed Please</u>	Doris Karhoff <u>One Needed Please</u> Gift Bearer <u>One Needed Please</u>
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		Sept 13 8:00 am	Allison & Elliott Ormond			
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u>		Sept 14 9:00 am	Liz Gengenbacher			